Secretariat Service, who have rendered 8 years' approved service, are eligible to be considered for promotion to Grade I of Central Secretariat Service. Promotion to the next higher grade, however, depends on the availability of vacancies and suitability of the officer for the higher grade posts to be adjudged in accordance with the procedure laid down. In the current year, Section Officers (promotees), who have rendered 13 years approved service, are within the Zone of consideration for promotion.

Common seniority list of Section Officers

3604. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any common seniority list of Section Officers of the Central Secretariat Services for the purpose of promotion; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Journals published by The Indian Embassies

3605. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of periodicals and journals published by the Indian Embassies and High Commissions in USA, Canada, USSR, Commonwealth countries, West Asian, Far Eastern and neighbouring countries language-wise, during the last three years;

(b) what has been the circulation of these periodicals and journals during each year of the period and the amounts so spent on each of them yearly;

(c) what is the purpose of these journals and to what extent it has served in each case; and

(d) what steps have been taken to make Indian periodicals and journals published by Indian Missions more popular?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) The information which is not readily available is being collected and will be laid on Table of the House when received.

(c) The purpose of these periodicals/journals is to project the various elements of our foreign policy, to promote a better understanding of political and economic developments in India, to draw attention to various aspects of India's rich cultural heritage as well as to counter anti-Indian propaganda abroad. These objectives have been fulfilled satisfactorily.

(d) Efforts are continuously made to make the periodical/journals increasingly popular by ensuring the relevance of their contents by inclusion of topical articles and suitable visual coverage and by producing them in local languages as far as possible.

Territorial Army

@3606 SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of recruits joining the Territorial Army has remained static during the past decade; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what steps have been taken by Government to attract more youth to the Territorial Army?

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